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Expedited Procedure  
Examining Group 3700  
Application No. 10/003,367  
Response dated September 15, 2003  
Reply to Final Office Action dated July 15, 2003



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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/003,367 Confirmation No. 4689  
Applicants : Tokio Shibazaki et al.  
Filed : November 15, 2001  
Title : Controller In a Banding Packing Machine  
Group Art Unit : 3721  
Examiner : Stephen F. Gerrity  
Docket No. : 1217-011967  
Customer No. : 28289

**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION  
AND PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 15, 2003, Applicants submit the following proposed amendment and remarks. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner inform counsel, before January 15, 2004, whether the proposed amendment, if entered, would place the claims in condition for allowance.

Proposed Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

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